

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 16, 21 and 22 are pending in the present application. Claims 8-15 have been previously cancelled. Claims 6-7, 17-20 and 23-32 are cancelled presently. No new claims are presented in this response.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 & 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee, United States Patent No. 6,309,940, (hereafter “Lee”) in view of Lai *et al*, United States Published Application No. 2002/0089017 (hereafter “Lai”).

The Examiner has also rejected claims 16-22 & 28-32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Lai as applied to claims 1, 8 [sic, 7] & 23, and further in view of Tong *et al*, United States Patent No. 6,756,834 (hereafter “Tong”).

The present claims are presented, without prejudice, to claim subject matter that is clearly not taught by either Lai, Lee, or Tong. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments, the present claims, as amended, are believed to be patentable. The number of claims currently asserted has been reduced significantly to focus on the issues. However, Applicants reserve the right to present such cancelled claims at a later time.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim Rejections over Lee and Lai

The amendments presented are intended to overcome the rejections over Lee and Lai. Specifically, the present claims are limited such that the integrated transistor of the present invention cannot be coupled with the control circuit. Lai discloses two (2) embodiments with transistors integrated with the SCR. The first embodiment is shown and described with respect

to Figures 7A and 7B wherein the integrated transistor 256 is directly coupled to the control circuit, in this case between the transistor 242 and the RC circuit. The second embodiment is shown in Figures 10A and 10B which show the integrated transistor 418 again connected directly to the control circuit, specifically between the resistor 410 and capacitor 404. The present invention, as claimed, precludes such configurations. Therefore, the present claims are believed to be patentable over Lee in view of Lai.

Claim Rejections over Lee, Lai and Tong

In view of the foregoing remarks regarding the patentability of the present claims over Lai, the rejection of claims 16 *et seq.* is considered moot. Therefore, claims 16, 21 and 22 are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Insofar as the Examiner's rejections were fully addressed, the present application is in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowability of all pending claims is therefore requested.

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